Involvement of IAS officers in UPSC fraud

3181. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item, published in the Sunday Observer dated the 28th September, 1986 regarding I.A.S. officers involved in UPSC fraud and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that such persons received support and protection from senior IAS officers serving in critical positions in Government; and

(c) whether IAS and other all India services is likely to be abolished as these have created a new Caste System?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) So far any involvement of I.A.S. officers in the socalled 'U.P.S.C. fraud' has not come to the notice of the Government.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Political killing in Assam

3182. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whetther Government are aware of a spate of political killings in Assam recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of such killings during January—October, this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to available information, the following murders of political leaders workers have taken place in Assam during January 1986 to October, 1986;

(i) On January 21, the daughter and wife of a (Congress-I) supporter were stabbed to death by a mob at Nazira (Distt. Sibsagar).

(ii) On February 19, 1986, Shri Tan-Keswar Dihingra, ex-Minister (Cong-I) was shot dead by two miscreants at Sibsagar town (Distt-Sibsagar)

(iii) On 23rd April, 1986, Shri Mantosh Das, Executive Committee Member of DCC(I), Dibrugarh and ex-Chairman of Dibrugarh Municipal Board was killed at Dibrugarh in an explosion of a time bomb fitted in his car.

(iv) On August 29, Shri Debjit Dhar Choudhary, a Cong-I leader and ex-Chairman of Golaghat Mahkuma parishad was shot dead at Golaghat (Distt. Jorhat).

(v) On September 17, Shri Kalipada Sen, President, United Minorities Front was shot dead at his residence at Gauhati (Kamrup).

Extremists' involvement is suspected in the incidents mentioned at (ii) to (v).

Projects behind the schedule

3183. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1041 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 140 projects under 14 Ministries are lagging behind the schedule;

(b) if so, what particular steps are being taken to commission them within the anticipated time schedule;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of 140 projects, 21 are scheduled to be commissioned in 1986, as per the re-scheduled time-frame; and

(d) what is the number of projects which have been commissioned till date and how many are likely to be commissioned during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) There were 134 projects lagging behind schedule as on 31-3-1986.

(b) The steps taken are:

(i) Preparation of realistic project implementation plants.

(ii) Effective monitoring through Monthly Flash Report and Quarterly Status Report Monitoring System.

(iii) Constant pressure on project authorities for expeditious completion.

(iv) Inter-Ministerial coordination and inter-action.

(v) Close follow-up concerned Ministries and project authorities with State Government, equipment suppliers, Consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

(c) and (d) 27 Projects, out of 134 are scheduled to be commissioned in 1986 as per revised schedule. One project has been commissioned in the current year.

West Bengal request for centre of excellence

3184. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government had requested the Central Government to set up one of the centres of excellence through E.R.D.C. as an R&D Agency for the Eastern region, as late as February 25, 1980; and

(b) if so, what has been the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Government of West Bengal had requested the Central Government, in February 1980, to set up an agency for research in electronics in West Bengal. There was no proposal then to set up any new agency for Research and Development in Electronics, since the Department of Electronics wanted to consolidate its investments in R&D made by it directly and through other agencies in the various parts of the country, to optimise the benefits accruing from such activities. This decision of the Government was conveyed to the Government of West Bengal on 14th March, 1980.

Non-pament of over-draft amount by Army Officers in Jammu and Kashmir

3185. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tha a number of army officers, including majors and colonels, who have taken over-drafts running into lakhs of rupees from the Jammu and Kashmir banks, are now refusing to pay to the banks the amount overdrawn by them;

(b) if so, what is the number of army officers with ranks who have over-drawn money from the Banks, with amount in each case; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to get the amount of the overdrafts cleared by the army officers concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (a) and (b) above.

Growth of communal senas in capital

3186. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) wheher Government's attention has been drawn into the recent growth of